

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 19, lines 7-21 with the following amended paragraph:

Examples of the FAOD- $\alpha$  specific for a glycated  $\alpha$ -amino group include a commercially available product named Fructosyl-Amino Acid Oxidase (FAOX-E) (manufactured by Kikkoman Corporation) and FAODs derived from the genus *Penicillium* (JP 8(1996)-336386 A). Examples of the FAOD-S specific for a glycated side chain of an amino acid residue include FAODs derived from the genus *Fusarium* ("Conversion of Substrate Specificity of Amino Acid Oxidase Derived from *Fusarium oxysporum*" by Maki FUJIWARA et al., Annual Meeting 2000, The Society for Biotechnology, Japan). Furthermore, examples of FAOD- $\alpha$ S specific for both a glycated  $\alpha$ -amino group and a glycated side chain group of an amino acid residue include a commercially available product named FOD (manufactured by Asahi Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.), FAODs derived from the genus *Gibberella* (JP 8(1996)-154672 A), FAODs derived from genus *Fusarium* (JP 7(1995)-289253 A), and FAODs derived from genus *Aspergillus* (~~WO~~ 99/20039) (WO 97/20039).